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PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY (PENZANCE DIVISION)

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1961.

Gentlemen:

In compliance with Ministry of Health Circular 16/55, I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year ending 31st December 1961 (in conformity with Form Port 20).

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SECTION I - STAFF

No Change.

SECTION II - AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT WITHIN THE YEAR

TABLE B

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected By the M.O.H.	Number Inspected By Sanitary Inspector	Number of Ships inspected as having or having had during the voyage Infectious Disease in Board
Foreign Ports	610	19588	72	18	Nil
Coastwise	594	192529	24	82	Nil
TOTAL	1204	213117	96	100	Nil

SECTION III - CHARACTER OF TRADE AND SHIPPING DURING THE YEAR

Character of Shipping. At Penzance Harbour, ships calling in were small Coastwise vessels of approximately 500 (net) tonnage, and a few similar ships from the Channel Ports of Northern Europe. The R.M.S. "Scillonian" runs daily in the summer season and three days a week in the winter between Penzance and the Isles of Scilly. At Newlyn small Coastwise and Foreign going vessels call to load crushed stone from the Newlyn Quarry. Additionally the Harbour is used by British, French, Belgian and Dutch trawlers and small French Crabbers to land fish for sale at the Fish Market there.

Character of Trade. Imports - Coal (for Gas Works and domestic use), cement, general goods, artificial manures, potash, box-wood from Home and Foreign Ports and vegetable and flowers from the Isles of Scilly. The only passenger traffic at Penzance is by the R.M.S. "Scillonian" to and from the Isles of Scilly. There is no passenger traffic between your ports and any foreign port.

TABLE C

Passenger Traffic	Outwards) Inwards)	approx. 17,000 Day-Trippers, Holiday and Business passengers to and from the Isles of Scilly during the year.
Cargo Traffic	Principal Imports	Coal, cement, wood, general goods, artificial manures, flowers and fish.
	Principal Exports	General cargoes to the Isles of Scilly. Crushed stone to Home and Foreign Ports.

Principal ports from which ships arrive. Home ports and the Channel ports of France, Holland, Belgium and Germany.

SECTION IV - INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

None.

SECTION V - WATER SUPPLY

1. The source of the Water Supply for the District and for Shipping is the main water supply for the Borough of Penzance.
2. Tests for contamination and for the protection of Hydrants - as for the Borough of Penzance.
3. There are no water-boats kept at the port.

SECTION VI - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS 1952

1. Lists of Infected Areas. Extracts (when applicable) are made from the weekly published lists of Infected Areas and forwarded to H.M. Customs and Excise Waterguard at Penzance and Newlyn for their information.
2. Radio messages to ships at Sea, are received and sent via Land's End Radio Station. During the year 1961 medical advice was given by Radio to 46 ships at sea. Of these, 20, were instructed to put into Mount's Bay where they were boarded by the Deputy M.O.H. who superintended the landing of cases of sickness or accident for admission to Hospital.
3. Notification other than by Radio are made either by H.M.Customs or the local Shipping Agents to the M.O.H. by telephone.
4. Mooring Stations. There is a special anchorage designated for ships in quarantine for major infectious diseases at Gwavas Pool, off Newlyn Harbour.
5. Arrangements for Infectious Diseases other than Smallpox.
   (a) Hospital accommodation - the County Infectious Diseases (Isolation) Hospital at Truro.
   (b) Surveillance and follow-up of contacts - by Hospital Authority.
   (c) Cleansing and disinfection of ships - no facilities available.

SECTION VII - SMALLPOX

1. Cases of Smallpox would be sent to the County Isolation Hospital at Truro.
2. Ambulance Transport and the vaccinal state of the ambulance crews is the responsibility of the Cornwall County Council.
3. The County Medical Officer of Health - who has a panel of 4 consultants would be requested to supply the services of a Smallpox Consultant.
4. Facilities for the Laboratory diagnosis of Smallpox are available at the Royal Cornwall Infirmary, Truro.

SECTION VIII

No change

SECTION IX

No case of Infectious or other notifiable disease occurred in ships in your ports for the year 1961.

SECTION X - OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURRENCE OF MALARIA IN SHIPS

Nil Return

SECTION XI - MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS INFECTED WITH OR SUSPECTED OF PLAGUE

Nil Return

SECTION XII - MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

No facilities for the de-ratting of ships exist either at Penzance or Newlyn.

TABLES E and F

Nil Returns

SECTION XIII - INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES

TABLE G. INSPECTIONS OF NUISANCES.

Nature and Number of Inspections		Notices Served: Statutory Notices	Notices Served: Other Notices	Results of Serving Notices
Ships from Foreign Ports	90	Nil	3 informal notices re dirty galley and 2 dirty latrines	Nuisances abated before ships left port
Coastwise Ships	106	Nil		
TOTAL	196	Nil		

SECTION XIV - PUBLIC HEALTH REGULATIONS 1934 and 1948

Not applicable

SECTION XV - MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS

Not applicable

SECTION XVI - MISCELLANEOUS

Nil Return

I have the honour to be,
Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
(Signed) W. LESLIE, M.O.H.

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		Statutory Notices	Other Notices
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Coasting Ships	106	Nil	
TOTAL	196	Nil	

Results of Service Notices
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